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PCOS OUT OF ORDER
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether PCOs of all branch post offices of Muzzafarpur in Bihar are out of order;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make them functional ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No, Sir. It is not the fact that all PCOs located at branch post offices ofMuzzafarpur are out of order. However, some rural PCOs on MARR are faulty.

(b)
(i) Mis-use of the battery and solar panel by the VPT holder

(ii) Theft of battery and solar panel etc.

(c) Annual Maintenance Contract have been given to the manufacturer/ supplier of the equipment.